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SUBJ: EXPORT ACTION TEAM, INC., IOGA TRADE MISSION

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1. ACCORDING TO IRANIAN BUDGET PUBLISHED FEBRUARY 3, AGRIBUSINESS CONTINUES TO HAVE "VERY HIGH PRIORITY" FOR IRANIAN YEAR 1355(BEGINNING MARCH 21,1976) BUT WITH EMPHASIS FOR IMPLEMENTATION BEING SHIFTED MORE TOWARD PRIVATE SECTOR. IDENTIFYING PARTICULAR AREAS FOR WHICH U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT POTENTIAL HIGHEST DIFFICULT, HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF LACK OF SPECIFICITY IN MINAG. LIST OF PROJECTS OBTAINED BY AGATT CONTAINS 400 AREAS IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER OF PRIORITY. RESULTS OF AGWA FAIR PARTICIPATION NOVEMBER 1975 (REPORT AVAILABLE USVC) ALSO WERE INCONSLUSIVE IN POINTING OUT BEST TRADE PROSPECTS.

2. IN ABSENCE PRECISE INFORMATION,BELIEVE SUBJECT TRADE MISSION WOULD PROFIT MOST BY INCLUDING PARTICIPANTS IN FOLLOWING CATEGORIES(APPROXIMATE DESCENDING ORDER OF IMPORTANCE):

A. PROTEIN PRODUCTION(POULTRY,BABY CHICK PRODUCTION)

B. PROTEIN PRODUCTION(CATTLE,INCLUDING FEEDLOTS)

C. FOOD PROCESSING(MEAT)

D. IRRIGATION(SYSTEMS)

E. FOOD HANDLING(WAREHOUSING/GRAIN STORAGE)

PRE-FABRICATED FARM STURCTURES

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F. COLD STORAGE

G. EQUIPMENT(E.G. SUGAR BEET HARVESTERS AND HAY HARVESTING
EQUIPMENT)

H. FOOD PROCESSING(OTHER THAN MEAT)

3. NOTE: SUGGEST THAT OPIC CONSULT WITH ORGANIZERS
MISSION RE OPIC PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO MINAG AND REFERRED
TO MINECON AFFAIRS FOR COOPERATION IN AGRIBUSINESS
INVESTMENTS (STATE 018808 -DN PREVIOUS). POST SOLICITING
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY OPIC IN STATE 018808
BUT PERHAPS SPECIFIC PROPOSAL REQUESTED EARLIER BY
GOI COULD BE PUT TOGETHER.
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